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Monday, 19 March 2012

Security Council

10 a.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

Working methods

Other matters

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

10 a.m.	101st plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the Peacebuilding Commission (A/66/675); and Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund (A/66/659): *joint debate* [31 and 111]
2. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: request for the reopening of the consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 115; Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/540/Add.1) [7 and 115 (b)]
3. Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/746) [115 (l)]

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General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

A thematic debate on "Fostering cross-cultural understanding for building peaceful and inclusive societies" will be held on Thursday, 22 March 2012, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB). A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 15 March 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For further information, please contact Mr. Aziz Sevi, Office of the President of the General Assembly (e-mail sevia@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4767).

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

Delegations are notified of an extension of the deadline until *Monday, 19 March 2012*, to inform the Secretariat of their participation at the debate in the plenary of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held from Wednesday, 20, to Friday, 22 June 2012, in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/197 of 22 December 2011. Requests for inscription on the list of speakers should be communicated, *in writing*, and hand-delivered to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room IN-0613A).

The initial list of speakers for the debate in the plenary of the High-level Plenary Meeting will be established by a drawing of lots. A special meeting for this purpose will be held toward the end of March 2012, at a time and venue to be announced in the *Journal of the United Nations*.

A detailed note, dated 31 January 2012, concerning the procedures to be followed for establishing the list of speakers for the plenary meetings was sent to the e-mail addresses of all permanent missions and delegations. For further information, please contact Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

The sixty-seventh session will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 18 September 2012, at 3 p.m., and the general debate will open on Tuesday, 25 September. The high-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels will be held on Monday, 24 September.

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/67/50.

A draft programme of work of the plenary will be issued in July.

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10 a.m.–12 noon . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013: Conditions of service: Judges (A/66/617, A/66/709 and A/66/726))

12 noon–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013: Safety and security: Programme criticality (A/66/680 and A/66/720))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on:

*Agenda item 134 (*Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013: Standards of accommodation for air travel (A/66/676 and A/66/739))

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

1. United Nations Logistics Base
2. Executive meeting

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

1. Opening of the meeting . . . . . [1]
2. Election of the Chair . . . . . [2]
3. Election of other officers . . . . . [3]
4. Adoption of the rules of procedure of the Preparatory Committee . . . . . [4]
5. Adoption of the agenda (A/CONF.192/2012/PC/L.1) . . . . . [5]
6. Organization of work . . . . . [6]
7. Thematic debate . . . . . [7]

3–6 p.m. . . . . 2nd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

Thematic debate . . . . . [7]

[Official documents, background information and other materials for the Preparatory Committee can be found at <www.poa-iss.org/RevCon2/>.]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee
One hundred and fourth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 2873rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . 2874th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Consideration of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant . . . . . [7]

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

First round of informal informal negotiations on the zero draft of the outcome document

The Preparatory Committee will hold its first round of informal informal negotiations on the zero draft of the outcome document from *Monaay, 19 March*, to Thursday, 22 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB) and on Friday, 23 March, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

The zero draft of the outcome document and the schedule of subsequent consultations are available on the Rio+20 Web site <www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/>. Delegations are also advised that a password-protected Rio+20 e-discussion forum has been created to enable an exchange on the zero draft of the outcome document of the Conference. Delegations wishing to subscribe to the e-discussion forum are requested to contact the UNCSD secretariat (e-mail uncsd2012@un.org).

Background information on the session is available on the following Web site: <www.uncsd2012.org>. Please *click here* for the preliminary list of side events.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Twenty-ninth session

There will be closed meetings of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf from *Monday, 19 March*, to Thursday, 5 April 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., at the Geographic Information System laboratories (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Other meetings

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Monday, 19 March 2012

Group of 77 (on the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A (NLB)

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A (NLB)

Group of 77 (on humanitarian affairs segment 2012 of the Economic and Social Council)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (at the ambassadorial level)

12 noon–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Other activities

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Monday, 19 March 2012

Special event on the occasion of the consultative meeting on "Volunteering for a sustainable future — Beyond the tenth anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers (IYV+10)" (organized by the United Nations Volunteers programme (UNV))

Panel discussion on "Beyond IYV+10: Volunteering for a sustainable future"

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Daphne Casey, UNV (e-mail daphne.casey@unvolunteers.org; tel. 1 (212) 906-3638); or Mr. Jordi Llopart, UNV (e-mail jordi.llopart@unvolunteers.org; tel. 1 (212) 906-3645); or visit <www.unv.org/en.html>.]

Informal briefing on "Civilian capacity in the aftermath of conflict" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Canada and Indonesia)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Patrick Travers, Permanent Mission of Canada (e-mail patrick.travers@international.gc.ca).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.shtml>.

Monday, 19 March 2012

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only. Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Tuesday, 20 March 2012, at 10 a.m. and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) concerning Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities

Briefing

The Ombudsperson of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) concerning Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities, Ms. Kimberly Prost, will hold an open briefing for interested Member States, on Thursday, 29 March 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

At the briefing, the Ombudsperson will provide an update on the work of her office after twenty months of operation, and she will also describe the implementations of the new aspects of her mandate, which were strengthened, pursuant to the adoption of Security Council resolution 1989 (2011).

The Ombudsperson looks forward to this mutually beneficial dialogue with Member States and will be pleased to answer any questions that representatives of Member States may wish to raise at this briefing.

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

Third intersessional meeting

The third open-ended informal intersessional meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development will be held on Monday, 26, and Tuesday, 27 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). As this meeting is an informal one, no formal list of speakers will be maintained or opened for pre-inscription. Members of permanent missions, United Nations staff, and representatives of intergovernmental organizations and major groups are invited to attend. Background information on the session is available on the following Web site: <www.uncsd2012.org>. Please *click here* for the preliminary list of side events.

The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) will be servicing the third intersessional meeting in a PaperSmart way. Delegations and participants attending the meeting are encouraged to carry their mobile devices, including tablets, to avail themselves of the PaperSmart Portal[1]. The Portal will be available for delegations participating in the third intersessional meeting of the Preparatory Committee from *Monday, 19 March*, onwards, at the following address: <http://papersmart.un.org>. For further information, please contact the ISPS Secretariat (e-mail papersmart@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2025).

[1]The Portal is an initiative of the Integrated Sustainable PaperSmart Services (ISPS) Secretariat, Meetings and Publishing Division, DGACM. Application development and hosting for the Portal are provided by the Office of Information and Communications Technology, Department of Management, with branding and graphic design provided by the Graphic Design Unit, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold its 340th meeting on Tuesday, 27 March 2012, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB). Ms. Hanan Ashrawi, member of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and member of the Palestinian Legislative Council, will brief on the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and developments in the political process. All permanent missions and permanent observer missions, as well as interested non-governmental organizations, are invited to attend. The meeting will be open to the media.

Committee on Contributions

Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2012*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Sixth session

Central African Republic configuration

An informal meeting of the Central African Republic configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Wednesday, 21 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Economic and Social Council

Informal consultations

The Economic and Social Council will hold informal consultations on the themes for the humanitarian affairs segment and the Council event to discuss the issue of the transition from relief to development of the 2012 substantive session of the Council. The informal consultations will be co-chaired by the Vice-Presidents of the Council, H.E. Mr. Juan Pablo De Laiglesia (Spain) and H.E. Mr. Desra Percaya (Indonesia), and will take place on Wednesday, 21 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Resumed organizational session for 2012

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of its subsidiary bodies on Thursday, 26, and Friday, 27 April 2012. The agenda for the session is contained in document E/2012/2/Add.1*.

The deadline for submission of candidatures, established by the Bureau of the Council, is *Friday, 6 April 2012*. Delegations wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch, with a copy to Ms. Sangeeta Sharma and Ms. Celia Syyap (e-mails sharma7@un.org and syyap@un.org).

The Chairs of the regional groups for the current month are kindly invited to inform the Secretariat of candidatures which may be forthcoming from their groups.

A list of candidates for these elections, as well as supporting documentation, is available on Candiweb. The supporting documentation is also available at the following address: <www.un.org/en/ecosoc/docs/insessiondocs.asp>.

Commission on Population and Development

Briefing

The Vice-Chair-designate of the Commission on Population and Development, Mr. William A. Awinador-Kanyirige (Ghana), on behalf of the Chair, will hold an informal briefing on the programme of work of the forty-fifth session of the Commission, on Wednesday, 21 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB). All interested members of delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Forty-fifth session

The forty-fifth session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 23, to Friday, 27 April 2012. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 23 April, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document E/CN.9/2012/2 and the proposed organization of work, in document E/CN.9/2012/L.1. Background information and official documents for the session may be found at the following address: <www.un.org/esa/population/cpd/cpd2012/cpd45.htm>.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Criminal Court" (under agenda item 75) (with the States parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Japan)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Permanent Mission of Japan (866 United Nations Plaza, 3rd Floor)

Forthcoming other meetings

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Group of Friends of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (at the permanent representative level)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

OIC Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly

Wednesday, 21 March 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 28 March 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Informal briefing on "Follow-up to the Global Plan Towards the Elimination of New HIV Infections Among Children by 2015 and Keeping their Mothers Alive" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Kenya)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[The briefing is open to members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information, please contact Mr. John K. Mosoti, Permanent Mission of Kenya (e-mail mosotijk@yahoo.com; tel. 1 (212) 421-4740).]

Commemorative event on "Building our future" (in observance of the first World Down Syndrome Day (21 March)) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Brazil and Poland, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the United Nations Children's Fund, Down Syndrome International and other stakeholders)

Wednesday, 21 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Brazil (Mr. João Alberto Dourado Quintaes (e-mail joao.quintaes@delbrasonu.org; tel. 1 (646) 510-0458)); or the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (Mr. Fred Doulton (e-mail doultonf@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4466)).]

Special event on the occasion of the consultative meeting on "Volunteering for a sustainable future — Beyond the tenth anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers (IYV+10)" (organized by the United Nations Volunteers programme (UNV))

Conclusions of the consultative meeting on "Inspiration for the next decade: Defining the way forward through strong volunteer coalitions"

Wednesday, 21 March 2012, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Church Center for the United Nations (777 United Nations Plaza).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Daphne Casey, UNV (e-mail daphne.casey@unvolunteers.org; tel. 1 (212) 906-3638); or Mr. Jordi Llopart, UNV (e-mail jordi.llopart@unvolunteers.org; tel. 1 (212) 906-3645); or visit <www.unv.org/en.html>).]

Twelfth Infopoverty World Conference on "Who drives the digital revolution? Development through innovation" (co-organized by the United Nations Office for Partnerships, the Observatory for Cultural and Audiovisual Communication, the European Parliament Information Office, the European Commission Office in Milan and the Infopoverty Institute, University of Oklahoma)

Thursday, 22, and Friday, 23 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. For further information please contact Mr. Antonio Dolce, Permanent Mission of Italy (e-mail antonio.dolce@esteri.it; tel. 1 (646) 840-5337).]

High-level briefing on "Broadening the concept of peacekeeping: The contribution of civil society to unarmed protection of civilians" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Belgium, Benin, Costa Rica and the Philippines)

Friday, 23 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Hanna Choa-Yu, Permanent Mission of the Philippines (e-mail hannachoayu@hotmail.com).]

Consultation with Member States on "Treaty body strengthening" (organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Monday, 2, and Tuesday 3 April 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[The meeting is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR, New York (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504); or Ms. Natacha Foucard, OHCHR, Geneva (e-mail nfoucard@ohchr).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English, on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Treaty research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012.

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 22 March 2012.

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012.

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012; and

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Researching using non-United Nations databases (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Submission of national reports on the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action on Small Arms and the International Tracing Instrument

With reference to General Assembly resolution 66/47 dated 2 December 2011, entitled "The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects" (A/RES/66/47), and Note Verbale ODA/43-2011/SALW-PoA, dated 13 December 2011, from the Office for Disarmament Affairs, Member States are reminded of the submission of national reports on their implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument. Member States that have not yet done so are encouraged to make their submissions in advance of the convening of the Preparatory Committee for the Programme of Action Review Conference (19–23 March 2012). Member States may wish to make use of the reporting template, which enables direct on line submissions of their national reports and is available in the six official languages of the United Nations <www.poa-iss.org/reporting>. A unique user account name and password for on line submissions have been issued to Member States. Submissions may be transmitted on line or in hardcopy to the Office for Disarmament Affairs. For information and assistance, please contact the Office for Disarmament Affairs (e-mail conventionalarms-unoda@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2390).

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered.

The first round of language-specific informational meetings for 2012 will be held in April, in Conference Room A (NLB), according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 10 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Arabic*

Tuesday, 10 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *English*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*

Thursday, 12 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*

Thursday, 12 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to remind all States parties to the international human rights treaties that the rules of procedure of all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to a meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in advance of a meeting and the Secretariat continues to receive numerous obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. In order to assist delegations with ensuring the timely submission of credentials, advance notice is given of the following meetings of States parties in 2012:

Thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1 May 2012)
<www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/elections31st.htm>;

Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2012)
<www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/elections2012.htm>;

Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (6 September 2012);

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (12–14 September 2012); and

Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (18 December 2012).

All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting, in order to ensure the smooth running of the elections. Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Credentials for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be sent to the secretariat of the Conference in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Credentials for all other meetings should be sent to OHCHR in New York. For any clarifications, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504).

Kindly take note that all elections for the Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, including those scheduled to take place in April 2012, are organized by the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council, not by OHCHR. All queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Celia Syyap, Economic and Social Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) (e-mail syyap@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0906).

Please note also that OHCHR is not responsible for the Human Rights Council elections. Queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Mary Muturi, General Assembly Affairs Branch, DGACM (e-mail muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 16 March 2012

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

100th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/66/668/Add.5, A/66/668/Add.6 and A/66/668/Add.7) [138]

The General Assembly took note that the Dominican Republic, Gabon and Tonga had made the necessary payments to reduce their arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter (A/66/668/Add.5, A/66/668/Add.6 and A/66/668/Add.7).

Question of Palestine: Letter from the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/66/742) . . . . . [37]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 37.

The General Assembly agreed to the proposal to enlarge the membership of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People by appointing Ecuador as a member of the Committee.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 37.

Strengthening of the United Nations system: draft resolution (A/66/L.39) . . . [123 (a)]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 123.

The representative of Indonesia made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/66/L.39.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/66/L.39 (resolution 66/255).

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada and El Salvador.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 123.

Strengthening of the United Nations system: Central role of the United Nations system in global governance: draft resolution (A/66/L.38) . . . . . [123 (b)]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 123.

The representative of Chile made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/66/L.38.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/66/L.38 (resolution 66/256).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 123.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism. New York, 13 April 2005

Ratification: Australia (16 March 2012)[1]

Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 9 December 1994

Accession: Dominican Republic (16 March 2012)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 8 December 2005

Accession: Dominican Republic (16 March 2012)[1]

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